

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Emory Grove M. E. Church				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Laytonsville Road (Rte. 124)				
CITY OR TOWN: Gaithersburg				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Montgomery		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PUBLIC ACQUISITION: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:				
Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		
Rockville		Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
None				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

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7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div>(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered
<div>(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The building is an L-plan structure with an entrance tower between the legs of the el. The gable ends have large, triangular-headed windows, each with three 1/1 double hung sash. Flanking the large window are lower 1/1 double hung sash windows. The tower has a two story elevation with a circular window on each facade. The roof is bell hipped.</p> <p>The church has been sheathed with fake stone and the tower with aluminum siding. The glazing is solid colored glass.</p>	

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☐ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

☐ Prehistoric☐ Historic☐ Agriculture☐ Architecture☐ Art☐ Commerce☐ Communications☐ Conservation☐ Education☐ Engineering☐ Industry☐ Invention☐ Landscape☐ Architecture☐ Literature☐ Military☐ Music☐ Political☐ Religion/Phi-

losophy

☐ Science☐ Sculpture☐ Social/Human-

itarian

☐ Theater☐ Transportation☐ Urban Planning☐ Other (Specify)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds		LATITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

14 Aug 74

STREET AND NUMBER:

8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

EMORY GROVE METHODIST CHURCH

REV. JULIUS S. CARROLL, MINISTER

We pray as you celebrate this occasion that you may have an increasing and irresistible compulsion to meet the Master's challenge. Again we pray that your evidence of sincerity in executing the Lord's directive may be irrefutable, lest after you have spoken you will witness man's scorn and contempt.

Finally bear in mind that God is an inexhaustible source of power to help His church to achieve its goals and become all that He requires of it.

—Written by the Rev. Thomas G. Barrington,
Pastor, deceased January 31, 1966.



EMORY GROVE METHODIST CHURCH

Emory Grove Road and Route 124
Gaithersburg, Maryland



CENTENARY METHODIST CHURCH

Shady Side, Maryland

SHADYSIDE: CENTENARY
METHODIST CHURCH

FRANK G. WANER, MINISTER

The first historical reference to our Church comes from the early 1830's when it was mentioned as having a building known as Swamp Chapel. In 1866 a Church building, formerly known as St. James The Less Episcopal Church, was moved by barge from Owenville, Maryland and rebuilt on this present site. Swamp Chapel then became Centenary Methodist Church, honoring the first one hundred years of Methodism in America. The Church was completely remodeled in 1942. In 1962, the William M. Thomas Memorial Building was completed. The Sanctuary has been remodeled.

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated May 16, 1984

ACTION TAKEN

The following area sites were reviewed either as part of this Plan or at previous public hearings and were found not suitable for regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. This Plan recommends their removal from the Locational Atlas. Although removed from the Locational Atlas these sites will remain on the Maryland Historical Trust's Inventory of State Historical Resources.

<u>Site No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Planning Board Hearing Date</u>
20/1	Remus Dorsey Tenant House**	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
20/2	Dorsey Cemetery	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
20/3	Shaw Cemetery	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
20/5	Snouffer Schoolhouse	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
20/6	Urah Bowman House**	6/17/82
20/7	Day Farm Barns**	9/25/80
20/8	Emory Grove Camp Meeting Grounds	7/5/83 - 7/6/83
20/9	Emory Grove Methodist Episcopal Church	7/5/83 - 7/6/83
20/10	MINERAL SPRING HOUSES	4/12/84
20/11	SYLVESTER THOMPSON'S STORE	4/12/84
20/12	FIELD'S KING FARM	4/12/84
20/13	WATKINS FARMHOUSE	4/12/84
20/14	Peters House/Monument View Hill	7/22/82
20/15	Gaither/Howes House	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
20/16	Heater/Crown Farm	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
*20/18	THOMPSON HOUSE**	10/9/83
20/19	Windy Knoll Farm	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
20/20	Hunting Hill Church	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
20/22	Hunting Hill Store and Post Office	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
20/23	Ward/Garrett Cemetery	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
*20/24	Mills House	1/20/83
20/25	Briggs Farm #1**	7/24/80
20/26	BRIGGS FARM #2**	4/12/84
20/27	Pleasant View Church**	6/17/82
20/29	Woodlands Site and Smokehouse	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
*20/30	RAILROAD UNDERPASS	4/12/84

* Recommended for designation by the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission.

** No longer standing.

Attachment Sheet A

M: 20/8 (camp meeting)
 M: 20/9 (M.E. Church)
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FOOTNOTES:

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Emory Grove

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

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M:20-8 and M:20-9
(date entered 5-13-80)

1. Name: Camp Meeting (20/8)
M.E. Church (20/9)

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 20/8
20/9

3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 8 E-20
Map 15 E-1

4. Address: Emory Grove Methodist Episcopal Church and Camp Meeting
17812 Laytonsville Road, Gaithersburg

5. Classification Summary

Category building
Ownership private
Public Acquisition N/A
Status occupied
Accessible yes; restricted
Present use religious

Previous Survey Recording M-NCPPC
Title and Date: 1976 Inventory of
Historical Sites
Federal State x County x Local

6. Date: 1903

7. Original Owner: Emory Grove ME Church Congregation

8. Apparent Condition

a. good b. altered c. original site

9. Description: This five bay by five bay, one-and-a-half story L-shape frame church faces southeast. The exterior walls have recently been covered by coursed ashlar block asphalt veneer. At the corner of this L-shaped church southeast elevation, there is a three story bell tower with a pyramidal roof covered by green asbestos shingles. On the southeast and northeast elevations of the tower there is a round stained glass window with a five point star. There are two-over-two double-hung stained glass lancet window. Intersecting gable roof has green asbestos shingles.

10. Significance: The Emory Grove M.E. Church stands today as the spiritual center of a now dispersed community. The community was begun as a religious camp meeting by former slaves as early as 1865. In the early 1870s families from nearby farms in Redland and Goshen began to settle here, buying land from the Woodard, Bowman, Cook, and Talbot farms, and forming a 123 acre community.

Before 1870, church services were held in the tenant home of John W. Dorsey, located on the Codwise farm (now the Montgomery County Airpark). The log first church was dedicated in 1874. In the early 1900s the congregation decided to rebuild the church and most of the old structure was demolished. Some of the original hand-hewn logs were used in the flooring of the new church and were uncovered during remodeling in the early 1960s.

In 1974, the community fell victim to urban renewal and all of the older homes were razed, leaving only the church, its cemetery, a parsonage built in 1957 and 2 or 3 newer homes. Emory Grove Park was dedicated in 1974.

11. Researcher and date researched: Carlotta Anderson-9/79

Candy Reed
Arch. Description

12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock

13. Date Compiled: 10/79

14. Designation
Approval

15. Acreage: .50 acres plus

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

M: 20/8
(Camp Meeting)
M: 20/9
(M.E. Church)

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Emory Grove Methodist Episcopal Church and Camp Meeting

AND/OR COMMON

Emory Grove Methodist Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

17812 Laytonsville Road

CITY, TOWN

Gaithersburg

VICINITY OF Emory Grove

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

___STRUCTURE

___SITE

___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___IN PROCESS

___BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

___UNOCCUPIED

___WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

___NO

PRESENT USE

___AGRICULTURE

___COMMERCIAL

___EDUCATIONAL

___ENTERTAINMENT

___GOVERNMENT

___INDUSTRIAL

___MILITARY

___MUSEUM

___PARK

___PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☒ RELIGIOUS

___SCIENTIFIC

___TRANSPORTATION

___OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Emory Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

17812 Laytonsville Road

CITY, TOWN

Gaithersburg

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20760

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: EBP 18

Folio #: 20

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

MNCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

___FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☒ COUNTY ___LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Derwood

STATE

Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT ☐ DETERIORATED
☒ GOOD ☐ RUINS
☐ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This five bay by five bay, one and a half story L-shape frame church faces southeast. The cornerstone reads: Emory Memorial M.E. Church Built 1874 Rebuilt 1903.

The church has new cinderblock foundations reinforced by poured concrete. The exterior walls have recently been covered by coursed ashlar block asphalt veneer. On the southeast elevation there is a three story bell tower with a pyramidal roof covered by green asbestos shingles. At the second level of this tower, on the southeast and northeast elevations, there are large round stained glass windows each with a five-point star. The southeast (front) doors are set in the bell tower. These are double wooden paneled doors. An aluminum awning hangs above the doorway.

There are one-over-two double-hung stained glass lancet windows. On the southeast elevation there is a large three-part lancet window composed of one-over-one windows and flanked by single one-over-one double-hung windows.

The church has an intersecting gable roof covered with green asbestos shingles. On the northwest elevation there are two one story lean-to structures each with a shed roof. There is one interior and one exterior chimney on the northwest elevation.

see 13 is probably the same as 14

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		Black History

SPECIFIC DATES

1903

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The community of Emory Grove was begun by recently freed Negro slaves¹ as a religious camp meeting in the late 1800s. As early as 1865 the area was a meeting place for song and praise services. The leaders were John Dorsey, Abraham Lancaster and Jeffrey McAbee.²

In the early 1870s families from nearby farms in Redland and Goshen began to build houses and settle here. They bought land from the farms of the Woodwards, Bowmans, Cooks and Tablots and formed a 123-acre community.

Before 1870 church services were held in the tenant home of John W. Dorsey, located on the Codwise farm, now the Montgomery County Air Park. Hewing of logs for the first church was begun in the early 1870s by Frank Ivall, James Johnson and Henry Tyler, and the church was dedicated in 1874³ it appears on the Hopkins Atlas of 1878 as the Emory Grove Methodist Episcopal Church in Cracklin District No. 1.

The church appears to have been built before the land was deeded to the trustees. In a deed dated March 26, 1878 the "half acre more or less" which was part of a tract called "Woodward's Hall" passed from Rozell and Eliza J. Woodward to Jeoffrey Moekabee, Samuel Johnson, John W. Dorsey, John Waters and William Chambers, trustees of the church.⁴ In 1921, an additional 7350 feet of the subdivision "Woodward Hall" was acquired by the church.⁵

The congregation decided to rebuild the church in the early 1900s and most of the old structure was demolished.⁶ Some of the original hand-hewn logs were used in the flooring of the new church and were uncovered during remodeling in the early 1960s.⁷ A cornerstone dated 1903 establishes the date of completion of the new church, which has a capacity of 300 and cost around \$3,000. The remodeling of the church, including new floors, lowering of the ceiling and the addition of rest rooms, basement and a kitchen, took place between July, 1960 and Spring, 1962.⁸

In 1974 the community of Emory Grove fell victim to urban renewal and all of the older homes were razed, leaving only the church, its cemetery, a parsonage which was built in 1957 and two or three of the newer homes in the community. Emory Grove Park, part of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission facilities, was dedicated by Gov. Marvin Mandel on September 7, 1974.

Although nearly all the members of the Emory Grove community were forced to move away, many still attend the church, which currently has a man pastor, Laverne Thomas.

(footnotes on Attachment Sheet A)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See Attachment Sheets A & B

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .50 acres plus

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

southwest corner of intersection of Laytonsville Rd. (Rt. 124) and Emory Grove Road

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Carlotta Anderson

Candy Reed - Arch. Desc.

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

9/79

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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(301) 267-1438

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NAME EMORY GROVE CHURCH

#20-9

LOCATION EMORY GROVE Rd, & Rt. 124 GAITHERSBURG, Md.

FACADE NE

PHOTO TAKEN 8/12/74 M DWYER